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ALDRICH POSTAL SERVICE OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLING MAIL

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Aldrich, Mo., Postal Service officer pleaded guilty in federal court today to embezzling mail.

David B. Elliott, 50, of Aldrich, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon.

By pleading guilty, **Elliott** admitted that, on three separate occasions from Oct. 25, 2002, to Jan. 28, 2003, he embezzled letters addressed to Aldrich residents. **Elliott** also admitted that as a Postal Service officer he knowingly and without authority detained, destroyed, delayed and opened bulk business mail from a Wal-Mart, located in Bentonville, Ark., and a Lowes hardware store.

Elliott was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on May 5, 2004, in Springfield.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Postal Inspection Service Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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